

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 145
3rd Reading Copy

For the House Natural Resources Committee

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1. Page 14.

Following: line 16

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 33. Coordination instruction. If Senate Bill No. 51 and [this act] are passed and approved and [this act] repeals 76-13-109, then the section in [this act] amending 76-13-104 is void and 76-13-104 must be amended as follows:

"76-13-104. Functions of department -- rulemaking. (1) The department has the duty to ensure the protection of land under state and private ownership and to suppress wildfires on land under state and private ownership. No fees may be collected for this purpose except fees provided for in 76-13-201.

(2) (a) The department shall adopt rules to protect the natural resources of the state, especially the natural resources owned by the state, from destruction by fire and for that purpose, in declared emergencies, may employ personnel and incur other expenses when necessary.

(b) The department may adopt and enforce reasonable rules for the purpose of enforcing and accomplishing the provisions and purposes of part 2 and this part.

(3) The duty imposed on the department under this section is not exclusive to the department and does not absolve private property owners or local governmental fire agencies organized under Title 7, chapter 33, from any fire protection or suppression responsibilities.

(4) The department may give technical and practical advice concerning forest, range, water, and soil conservation and the establishment and maintenance of woodlots, windbreaks, shelterbelts, and forest fire protection.

(2)(5) The department shall cooperate with all public and other agencies in the development, protection, and conservation of the forest, range, and water resources in this state.

(6) The department shall establish and maintain wildland fire control training programs.

(3) The department shall require an owner or operator to provide a notification prior to conducting forest practices as provided in 76-13-131, shall adapt as necessary any procedure used for notification with respect to an agreement under 76-13-408 to ensure that the operator provides information on the location of the forest practices in relation to watershed features, and shall conduct onsite consultations as provided for in 76-13-132.

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(7) The department shall appoint firewardens in the number and localities that it considers necessary, subject to confirmation by the local county government, and shall adopt rules prescribing the qualifications and duties of firewardens that are in addition to those provided in [section 7 of Senate Bill No. 145].

(8) By October 1, 2008, the department shall adopt rules addressing development within the wildland-urban interface, including but not limited to:

(a) best practices for development within the wildland-urban interface; and

(b) criteria for providing grant and loan assistance to local government entities to encourage adoption of best practices for development within the wildland-urban interface."

{ Internal References to 76-13-104: None. }"

Renumber: subsequent section

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